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In picking up a copy of the Irrigation Age printed in 1894 one is forcibly struck with the prominence given the Pecos Valley all through the magazine. During the years from 1890 to 1899 this valley has been boomed in every imaginable style of newspaper, pamphlet and magazine advertising. More money has been spent by the P. I. & L. company in holding up a newspaper to boom and lie about the country than would buy and pay for all the land possible to irrigate by the company's plant if the land was put up and sold under the hammer next week or next month. The canal can only irrigate properly ten thousand acres which, with water right, would bring about thirty five thousand dollars at a liberal estimate and possibly only one-third of that figure. With the condition, brought about by squandering three or four hundred dollars each month on the company paper, the work of waste still goes on. The actual income of the paper will not pay the salary of its editor, to say nothing of the hordes of printers. The question is, how long will it take the present management to learn that the paper is not only a money losing venture but a damage to the country. Only this week a gentleman from Illinois who had been receiving the Argus free, arrived in Carlsbad. After looking he said he was disgusted, not with the country, but with the picture ever drawn by the Argus. He said he could not endorse the principle of drawing people here by such statements as are contained in the advertising sent out from the valley. If land is cheap it should be made known. If the country is hot and dry it should be told. If people fail in trying to make ends meet while working hard on a Pecos Valley farm it should be explained. The drawbacks and disadvantages should go with the advantages and fortunate circumstances. The facts are that more money has been made in the county by men who went in debt for cattle during the past nine years than was ever made by all the enterprises ever started outside the stock business.

While every effort to develop the country has been duly commended and appreciated by this paper and every assistance possible given the promoters of irrigation and other enterprises, we have never been in sympathy with the crazy ideas obtaining among the company managers of endeavoring to entice people here by overdrawn pen pictures of fortunes to be made in celery, asparagus, cabbage or fruit. It was always thought best by this paper to wait until developments would justify the statements. It is therefore deemed about time to call the attention of the proprietors or owners of bonds of the P. I. & L. company to a few of the errors in advertising which have been and are being made at terrible expense. This matter has been brought to the attention of Mr. Tansill but he is still of the opinion that wind will finally tell and that "new blood" can be obtained by lurid advertising. He is wrong, as the experience of nine years has proved beyond question of doubt. The CURRENT does not believe that all the advertising possible can ever do this country one iota of good. If the endeavor is to make a health resort here then the funds had better be used to secure a sister sanitarium than in paying salaries to people to write and wire falsehoods about the country.

In the present alignment of parties it behoves every laboring man to give the matter of his voting the most serious consideration. Democrats have long contended that the natural tendency of the republican party is toward centralization of both power and wealth. That contention is now amply proved by the formation of more trusts in two years of McKinley's administration than existed before. It is also proved by the administration's demand for a permanent standing army of three times its former size. The aggregation of thousands of industrial concerns into the hands of a few corporations is in itself a violent rearrangement of industrial forces and labor disturbances will certainly follow. Foreseeing this and being in full sympathy with the trusts, the president sought to have a permanent army large enough to override any protest that might be made by labor. The facts are becoming more apparent every day and will continue to come more plainly into view. It certainly behoves the laboring man to think independently.—Rate to some

A little republican paper at Santa Fe says:

"The platform of the Iowa democratic was fixed up to suit Col. Bryan, who went over to him from Nebraska to see that it was properly constructed.

Among other things it says that the Philippine war is for the subjugation of a people who have done nothing worse than to love liberty and brave struggle for their freedom. It is well that the attitude of Bryan is thus defined. He has been throwing out hints along this line long enough. The Iowa convention which he and his followers contended puts him and the party on that state on record."

Some intelligent reader should notify the Santa Fe organ that not only Mr. Bryan but the entire democratic party is on record as being opposed to Hanna's Philippine policy. Mr. Bryan don't "hint" at anything; he always comes out plainly and states where he is at. Not only Iowa but the entire people of the United States feel that the Philippine butchery is a disgrace to our flag and that the governmental Washington has not kept faith with congress and has placed the honor of the American people in jeopardy.—El Paso Times.

Stockmen are looking very "down in the mouth" and it is almost impossible to get one of them into a "smear" game, all because the range is drying up for lack of rain. It is the general opinion that unless rain comes soon there will be a big "die up" next winter.

"Take your captured train robbers to Carlsbad for identification" should be placed in conspicuous places over the west. More than a dozen people here are well acquainted with the Ketchum brothers.

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Keep First-Class Goods

But We Keep What the People Want!

Rose Valley, Canadian Club, Mt. Vernon and
many other brands of first-class liquors

AT THE

CENTRAL SALOON.

KEMP & WORRELL, Proprietors.

"He is only a printer." Such was the sneering remark made by a leader of a circle of aristocracy—the cod fish society. Who was the Earl of Stanhope? He was a printer. What were Prince Edward William and Prince Napoleon Proud to call themselves printers. The present Czar of Russia and the Duke of Battenburg are printers; and the Emperor of China works in the private printing office every day. Wm. Caxton, G. P. Morris, N. P. Willis, James Hale, Charles Richardson, Horace Greeley, Charles Dickens, Schuyler Colfax, Mark Twain, Senator Plumb of Kansas and J. S. Hogg of Texas, were printers. The leader of science and philosophy boasted in his bay that he was a "born" printer. In fact thousands of the most brilliant minds are found in the publishing houses. Not every one can become a printer—books are absolutely necessary.—Greenville Herald.

People to not get free personal mention in rope. London papers publish the following standing announcement: "Society, personal and fashionable paragraphs, except those relating to royal and official incidents, will be charged for at a minimum rate of one guinea for two lines, each succeeding in ten shillings and sixpence additional." Mrs. Jno. W. Mackay, Mrs. Astor and other common Americans in London pay one newspaper as much as \$1.00 to report one of their dimes or bays.

Figures That Talk.
The Verdict of New York is furnishing the people some interesting figures to study. The Verdict says:

"It took nineteen millions to put McKinley where he is. They say, if needs crowd, he can have forty millions, eighty millions all he will, to gain a second term. Their war plans are laid and made. They will waste neither time nor treasure on the individual voter. But registration is to be bought for election day, judges are to be purchased. They will not change a Bryan vote. With "registration" high enough, as counts proceed, McKinley ballots will be furnished by thousands to overrule and top the utmost Bryan expression. That's what was done in '96. Bryan was elected then, nor to defeat him, did they count him out. The '96 Bryanites won by the 'shovel' system of counting McKinley votes. It made less noise offered a 'narrow' tool to attack. Out of curiosity, if not for your information, look to this: In 1892 Cleveland won four years later Bryan 'lost.'

Yet, bend a glance to these tables, and some glint of the frauds which put McKinley where he is may then be glimpsed. Here are tables to show in many states the Cleveland vote, which succeeded, and the Bryan vote which found defeat.

	1892	1896
Illinois.....	426,281	464,523
Ohio.....	404,115	477,467
Indiana.....	262,749	306,200
Michigan.....	202,997	237,261
Iowa.....	199,307	223,741
California.....	116,358	144,766
Kentucky.....	178,451	217,896
Minnesota.....	160,251	139,766
West. Virgins.....	84,467	92,925

"Doesn't that speak trumpet-tongued of fraud? The seven table plot in every item which bore down Bryan in 1892 is to be relied on in 1896. There will be short-less ocean of money to bring McKinley through. Why shouldn't the money go? As more investment without honor or conscience, dollars could not find a fatter, richer destiny."

Around nearly every town will be some young men who spend their time

from one year's end to the other on the lookout for a soft snap. They have to crawl head too bad to go to work at anything that will end their efforts or raise the sweat, and no one has courage enough in their willingness to work to trust them in positions of responsibility. On the other hand, we set young men start out by taking any kind of work that comes along. If they fail to find positions in a store or office they go to farms or shop. In a short time these young men are found to have become good business men. A willingness to do an honest day's work at any kind of labor is probably the best recommendation for a young man in the eyes of business men than all the high collars and tight fitting pants he can ever wear.

An Edie Elliott's Judgement.

People have been called upon to decide a case which strongly recalls Solomon's famous judgment. By a strange coincidence a woman and her daughter both gave birth to a female child at the same time. One of the babies got mixed, and, as one of them was ugly and the other pretty and healthy, both mothers claimed the infant. The older woman maintained that as all her other children were handsome, the ugly child could not be hers, while her daughter claimed that being young and handsome, and strong, she could not be the mother of the weak and ugly baby. The religious chief of the town settled the affair in a summary

ADDITIONAL LOCALISI.

E. M. Bush will supply you with fine melons and vegetables which for his wagons.

The talk about scarcity of horses in Carlsbad, and the large influx of people should let up and the market again become active.

There is strong talk of moving to Carlsbad, the name of the town, and in looking on account of the economy of living, to see how the effects of the change, as it ends working, many people think it would be a good scheme.

The new Wuesthoff building south of Hotel Schiltz is nearly completed and reflects great credit upon the stone mason Mr. Besing and superintendent Mr. C. A. Roberts. Mr. Besing is very reliable and always builds a plumb wall while in superintending the whole job Mr. Roberts has undoubtedly saved a large sum for his employer Mr. Gotsch. The job from foundation to roof is excellent and very low priced considering the work and material in the structure. The rooms are each 25x125 with fifteen foot ceiling, two sky lights and beaded glass ceiling the roof and lime ornamented iron front furnished by Meeker Brothers St. Louis. The building throughout is certainly a credit to the town and will make money for its owner. Mr. Conroy who will occupy the room next to the hotel as a sample room and billiard hall will make his headquarters here.

MORPHINE FIEND.

A. J. Dent Creates a Sensation on the Streets at Pecos.

The following is from the Pecos Times: Last Saturday night A. J. Dent wife and baby arrived from El Paso, registered as from Los Angeles, California, and took room over Mr. Jim Camp's pharmacy and all went well, as the people of Pecos took no further notice of the new family than is the usual custom in such cases, until Mr. Dent brought himself very forcibly before our public Wednesday afternoon, by running down the street like a madman and rushing into J. J. Ward & Co.'s drug store and a gas griddling at everything in sight that contained anything that looked like a powdered drug. Several men that had observed his movements came up by this time and overpowered and held him until Deputy Sheriff Collier took him in charge and gave him apartments in the old city jailhouse, where he remained until late in the evening when Mr. Collier was met on his way up to see how the prisoner was getting along by J. W. Wiley, who stated that he had just cut Dent loose from the window grates where he had hanged himself with his suspenders and necktie and that the jailhouse was on fire. Mr. Collier made all haste in reaching the place where the man was confined and found the bed clothes in the room on fire and Dent unconscious from suffocation and strangulation. The burning bed clothes were thrown outside and Dent carried to the open air where he soon recovered enough to ask that he be given two grains of morphine, which he said would bring him around all right, and gave as his reason for his attempt at life, that his suffering for want of his favorite drug was more than he could bear. Dr. McKemy injected six grains of morphine into his arm which had the desired effect and after being permitted to walk around awhile he said that if he had a place to lay down and rest he would be in "camp shape" by morning and would ride his horse out of town, which he did Thursday night, purchasing a ticket for himself and family to Midland. The family as a whole was a pitiful sight to look at, the wife and baby both being in the last stages of consumption, and the father a morphine fiend of the worst type.

Kate Delougherty of Kansas City is perhaps the only woman switchblade in the United States. Her position is an important one, as she throws the switches for all passenger trains which enter and leave the Union depot in that city.

There is very little white glass seen on the tables of the fashionable dinner givers just now. It seems to have quite gone out of style, and colored tumblers and small glasses are all the rage, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Lady Cook & Co. have gone into the stockbroking business in London, the motto of the firm being, "Never sell what you haven't got; buy at the lowest figure; be satisfied with quick returns and small profits."

SCHOOL LANDS.

Some idea of the vast amount of land given New Mexico by the federal government for school purposes can be obtained from the following. The territory contains 78,361,600 acres, of which 49,000,000 acres have been given outright to the territory, and cannot be sold for less than \$2 per acre. In addition to this sum 3,804,160 acres may be leased at 2 cents an acre. If all the latter be rented at the minimum rate the territory will have an income therefrom of \$76,080 per year. This will help to make the financial standing of the territory even more secure than it is at present and should be a great inducement to outside capitalists.

Teachers Examination.

A examination of school teachers for certificates will be held in the school house in Carlsbad, Thursday, Aug. 31, 1899. All teachers who wish to be examined are requested to appear before the board at 8:30 a.m. on said day.

A. N. PRATT,
County Superintendent.

Captain George Curry, sheriff of Otero county, came down last night and brought four tons of ore from one of his valuable mines in that section. He will have a smelter report a few days and says that on the report of the assayers report will depend whether he is a millionaire or not.—El Paso Herald.

W. H. Hull is the name of the new telegraph operator who occupies the place of C. G. Nolan.

NOTICE.

We control between 300 and 400 resident lots in Eddy and we hereby give notice that on July 1st next we will increase the price on same from 50 to 100 per cent. The time to buy is NOW.

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